## BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL, GAS, AND MINING DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES in and for the STATE OF UTAH

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE No. 43-019-003

THE STATE OF UTAH TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN TOWNSHIP 25 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, SLBM, SECTION 27, GRAND COUNTY, UTAH.

Notice is hereby given that tentative approval has been given by the Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, to Atlas Minerals - A Division of Atlas Corporation, P.O. Box 1207, Moab, Utah, to continue uranium milling operations on fee land in Section 27, Township 25 South, Range 21 East, SLBM, Grand County, Utah. The mill is known as the Moab Uranium Mill.

Atlas Minerals has fulfilled all obligations under the Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975 (Section 40-8) Utah Code Annotated, 1953, as amended, and will reclaim the Moab Uranium Mill after approximately 15 more years of operation. The procedures to be followed when the tailings pond is no longer usable will be:

- a) The surface water from the 120 acre tailings pond will be allowed to evaporate naturally.
- b) The fine-textured tailings will be covered with more coarse beach material from the pond.
- c) A one (1) foot layer of arable cover material will be spread over the top surface of the tailings material.
- d) Gentle runoff will be induced by grading the top surface of the pond into a slight crown shape.
- e) Stability will be maintained on the pond area by adding cover material as needed when erosion channels start to form.

When milling activities are eventually terminated, processing equipment will be decontaminated and sold for re-use or as scrap metal. If the mill structures cannot be put to beneficial use, the structures will be removed and the foundations leveled. The entire mill site will be covered with earth and graded. The mill site, tailings pond, and associated areas will be fenced with 4-strand barbed wire. This area totals about 420 acres.

Until the mill is de-commissioned and the ponds area stabilized, a continuing effort will be made by Atlas on methods to establish vegetation on the tailings material with long-term vegetative stabilization being the goal.

Surety will be established by the Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining to cover the cost of reclamation after plant de-commissioning.

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Any person or agency aggrieved by this tentative decision is hereby requested to submit written protest to the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, 1588 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116, setting forth factual reasons for his complaint, and thereafter, at a time and place here to be established, appear before the Board to show cause, if any there be, why this plan should not be approved.

STATE OF UTAH BOARD OF OIL, GAS, AND MINING

SCHEREE WILCOX

Secretary to the Board

NOTIFIED: March 16, 1976

NEWSPAPERS: Salt Lake Tribune, Deseret News, Moab Times Independent

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## OTHERS:

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Bureau of Land Management Federal Building Salt Lake City, Utah 84138

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